



Easter 2017 Sunrise Service, Gibraltar, UK



Dear Family, Friends, and Partners, we hope you had a wonderful Easter. Jesus our Savior is alive, and working in the world today!

Here in Europe, we have the tremendous opportunity to share the good news of Jesus' resurrection with so many people to whom it really is news. For example, many millions of North Africans live, work, and travel through this region. God is blessing our team with increasing opportunities to reach those who are seeking to know Him. Of course we don't see what happens to every Gospel packet travelers accept from Operation Transit: but sometimes we do find out how the Lord is using this outreach, as a small part of one family's larger spiritual journey.

Several years ago, a North African lady living in Spain saw a Christian from her own country share their testimony via the internet. As a child, she had seen the JESUS Film video her father had gotten at a port, but she had never questioned her own traditions and beliefs until seeing this on-line testimony. After she began to investigate, earnestly seeking the truth for herself, Jesus appeared to her in a dream. She decided to follow Jesus as her Lord and Savior. After that, she talked with Christian friends to find out more; she read the New Testament; and on her next visit to her home country, she got a Gospel packet at the port. Every item in the packet contains contact information; using that, she corresponded with some of our colleagues. They regularly discussed the Bible and prayed together over the phone, and she grew in her faith. As her husband saw her testimony and her changed life, he also committed himself to Jesus. They found out that some of their North African neighbors had become Christians, and they joined a local church with them. This couple now shares their faith in Jesus with friends and family, telling them how they too can know God's grace, love, and forgiveness. This coming summer, this lady might come and help with Operation Transit's port outreach.

Please join us in praying for this family and for many others like them. Thank you!

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." —John 11:21-27(NIV)

Please pray with us:

- As the busy summer season approaches, pray for God to work in the hearts of many people who will travel through the ports, preparing them to hear and accept the good news of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for those who will be observing a month of prayer and fasting starting at the end of May: pray that they would indeed be drawn closer to God, and know God's love, truth, and grace.
- Pray for all of the New Testaments to arrive in time for the upcoming packet preparation work parties.
- Pray for Allen to have clear understanding and direction regarding some new Spanish legal requirements affecting Christian organizations here.
- Please pray that Allen completes every necessary administrative task and logistic detail before mid-May so he can start the summer "with a clean slate."
- Josiah takes an SAT very soon (May 5): Please pray that the test goes well and proves helpful!
- Pray for the Lord's protection and encouragement for Phoebe and Thomas on their upcoming class trip.
- Please pray for wisdom for Josiah and Phoebe and Thomas as they make decisions about their future courses of study.

Thank you for your continued prayers, partnership, and encouragement, which makes our work here possible!
Serving with you,

Allen and Deedee